Guidelines which, *inter alia*, stipulate that all scheduled operators will deploy in the North East, Jammu and Kashmir, Lakshadweep Islands and Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Category-II routes), at least 10% of their capacity deployed on Trunk Routes (Category-I routes) and 50% of the capacity provided on category-I routes is to be deployed on routes other than category-I and category-II routes (Category-III routes).

Opening of Post Offices

3237. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages of Gujarat where there is no post office within the radius of three to five kilometres, the details thereof district and village-wise; and

(b) by when Government propose to make post offices available in such villages of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The information asked for is given in the statement enclosed (*See* below).

(b) The opening of new post offices is subject to the prescribed Plan Targets. Further it depends upon fulfilment of prescribed norms for opening of new post offices availability of funds and sanctioning of the required posts by Ministry of Finance.

Statement

District-wise number of villages where there is no post office within the radius of three to five kilometres

Sl. No	Name of District	No. of villages
1.	Ahmedabad	—
2.	Banaskantha	176
3.	Gandhinagar	•75
4.	Mahesana	115
5.	Patan	88
6.	Sabarkantha	52
7.	Amreli	64
8.	Bhavnagar	120
9.	Jamnagar	171

Sl. No	Name of District	No. of villages
10.	Junagadh	136
11.	Porbandar	64
12.	Kachchh	304
13.	Rajkot	57
14.	Surendernagar	149
15.	Anand	—
16.	Bharuch	—
17.	Dangs	9
18.	Dahod	114
19.	Kheda	—
20.	Narmada	—
21.	Navsari	10
22.	Panchmahals	9
23.	Surat	15
24.	Vadodara	39
25.	Valsad	75
26.	Godhra	50
27.	Bardoli	51
	TOTAL	1943

Outstanding dues against private companies

†3238. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the declaration of new Communication Policy, 1999 certain companies functioning under private sector have not made payment of Government dues outstanding against them so far;

(b) if so, the names of such companies alongwith the amount of funds outstanding against them; and

(c) whether Government have also taken any action against them for not making the payment of outstanding amount, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Defaults in payment of license fee dues as

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.